Subject No. 236.

Sale of superfluous jewellery in Temples and investment of the proceeds as well as Muzarayi Surplus Funds.

Summary of discussion.—There is a large quantity of useless jewels and ornaments in temples. They should be sold and the proceeds invested together with other Muzarāyi Surplus Funds which are now in Government Treasuries.

Dewan's reply.—A good suggestion. The local public interested in a temple must however decide what are useless jewels which should be sold. Enquiries will be made. Arrangements are on foot for suitably investing the Muzarayi surplus.

Subject No. 237.

Improvement of water-supply in Anandur Channel.

Summary of discussion.—Owing to Cholenhalli anikat being out of action, and water from Lakshmantirtha katte being insufficient, lands in Anandur and other villages are suffering much from want of water. Cauvery water through the Tippur and Ramasamudram Channels should be brought over an aqueduct to help the Anandur channel. Remission of assessment should be granted this year.

Dewan's reply.—A project is under the consideration of Government.

Subject No. 238.

Excessive godown rent in Mysore Sayer Cutcherry.

Summary of discussion.—A godown rent of 3 pies per maund per diem is now being levied on articles left uncleared in the Sayer Cutcherry beyond 3 days. This causes much inconvenience and loss. Formerly the rule was, no rent for 8 days and then 2 annas per mensem. This should be revived or the 8 days may be reduced to 5 days. The present rule works great hardship by entailing on the merchant a loss, which often approximates the value of the article itself.

Dewan's reply.—This is very undesirable, as the space in the Sayer godown is extremely limited, and it is necessary to prevent people using the place to save themselves paying rent elsewhere.

Subject No. 239.

Employment of Brahmin Compounders for Dispensaries.

Summary of discussion.—Proposal made last year for employment of a Brahmin Compounder at each Dispensary or Hospital was noted. As no orders have been issued, it is now again submitted.

Dewan's reply.—The idea is good. But the difficulty is to get the men.

Subject No. 240.

Execution of Kalnathpur Project.

Summary of discussion.—Much money has been spent on the initial stages of the Kalnathpur Channel Project, but it does not appear to have been finally decided upon. It is worth undertaking. It will prove remunerative. At least the first few miles of channel may be excavated, the head works being however made to suit future extensions. If sufficiently extended, it will contribute to the improvement of

the water-supply of the Mysore City. If necessary the channel might be taken more circuitously so as to entail less cutting and thus save four or five lakhs of Rupees in the cost. Other members present being consulted, expressed themselves against the project, and said it would not be remunerative. Some suggested improvement of Anandur and others the extension of Virjanadi if possible or of Hemavati channels as much more useful.

Dewan's reply.—There is some fear that the sanitary conditions of the Mysore Town will be considerably affected by the extension of wet cultivation all round. That the channel will prove remunerative is also doubtful. A large number of raiyats will be required to cultivate the lands which might be commanded by the channel. Where are they to come from? One test of the popularity and profitable character of the work lies in contributions, such as land-owners have paid or agreed to pay towards the cost of the Rampur and Ramasamudram channel extensions. There is no prospect of such contributions forthcoming for the Kalnathpur Channel. Under such circumstances, the project is yet under careful investigation by Government. Mysore City can have its water-supply independent of Kalnathpur.

Subject No. 241.
Extension of Virjanadi Channel.

Summary of discussion.—Formerly the Virjanadi Channel extended as far as the tank in Hadinaru in the Nanjangud Taluk. Now the channel does not irrigate the lands even near Mysore. The channel has now gone into disrepair for nearly 40 miles. The improvement of the channel has long been under consideration. If the old channel be repaired and earthwork carried out, most of the dry lands will be converted into wet, and thus profit the Government and raiyat. The water flowing in the channel is now being wasted a good deal and it would be better to make the water fall into the Harohalli Tank.

Dewan's reply.—There is too little water for the Virjanadi Channel to carry to so great a distance. The project was investigated and did not seem satisfactory.

Subject No. 242.
Dates of opening and closing of head sluices of River channels.

Summary of discussion.—In river channels the head sluice being opened on 1st June should be kept open till the 15th February, and not closed as is now done on 1st January.

Dewan's reply.—The periods during which water should run in channels in wet weather and in hot weather have been carefully fixed and a regular programme drawn up and recently issued by Government. This promises to satisfy all.